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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/27/68

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-3101) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACK YOUTH ALLIANCE
RM - BNT

00: Los Angeles

Information has been received indicating that captioned organization has been formed in Los Angeles with headquarters at 3831 Woodlawn Avenue, Los Angeles. The purpose of the organization is to organize high school and junior high school students in Los Angeles in much the same way as the Black Student Union has organized college students. One of the sponsors of the organization is MARGARET FLORENCE WRIGHT, who has been a major figure in high school disturbances in the Los Angeles area. WRIGHT is identical with Bufile 157-8496, and is maintained on the Agitator Index. The organization is reportedly publishing a newsletter entitled, "Black is Back", and utilizes the address 3821 Woodlawn Avenue, the residence of WRIGHT.

A preliminary investigation is being conducted by the Los Angeles Office concerning the above organization and an appropriate communication will be submitted to the Bureau with recommendations as to whether or not further investigation is warranted.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-3101) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACK YOUTH ALLIANCE (BYA)

RM

OO: Los Angeles

DATE: 2/19/69

Transmitted herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) concerning captioned individual. Copies of this memorandum are being disseminated to Secret Service, Los Angeles; Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit; Region II, 115th MIG, U. S. Army, Pasadena; OSI, Norton Air Force Base, San Bernardino; and NISO, San Diego, in view of their interest with this organization which has indicated a propensity for violence.

Source utilized in the attached memorandum is
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The attached memorandum is being classified confidential inasmuch as data set forth from source utilized could result in the identification of a source of continuing value.

A new case has been opened in the Los Angeles Division concerning ROBERT BASTILLE, and new case files will be opened concerning BYA organization leaders when they are identified.

Investigation is continuing to obtain additional information concerning the background and meeting data concerning the BYA as well as current officers. Los Angeles law enforcement agencies are cognizant of information set forth in attached LHM.

2 Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
Los Angeles

(1 - (100-71202) (SDS)
(1 - 157-2262) (BSU)
(1 - 157-1618) (BPP)
(2 - 157-) (ROBERT BASTILLE)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

February 19, 1969

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BLACK YOUTH ALLIANCE
RACIAL MATTER

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) (see appendix) and the Black Students Union (BSU) at Hamilton High School (HHS), Los Angeles, California, have formed a coalition.

The BSU is a militant, Black Nationalist, student based organization.

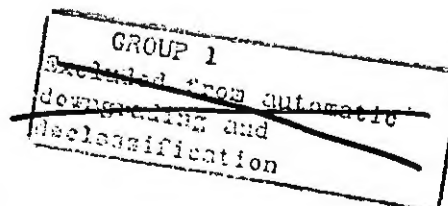
This coalition has come about since the leaders of both organizations were suspended from Hamilton High School in December 1968.

An SDS member described as a white, female, has been very active on the HHS Campus attempting to organize for the SDS which is one of the most vocal organizations on that campus. The source continued that both the SDS and the BSU have been meeting at homes of Caucasians somewhere in the vicinity of the school.

A BSU member at the school, who was also reported to be active in the Black Panther Party (BPP) (see appendix), has been trying to recruit students at HHS for the Black Youth Alliance (BYA).

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BLACK YOUTH ALLIANCE
RACIAL MATTER

The BYA is a militant, Black Nationalist, student based organization recruiting membership from high school students in the Los Angeles area.

The BYA reportedly meets in a private residence each Saturday morning. The source continued that reportedly there are approximately 20 M-16 rifles and ten M-2 rifles at this residence which were allegedly taken from an armory about a year ago and which now belong to the BPP.

calif This source continued that the BYA was going to hold a meeting at 3831 Woodlawn Avenue, Los Angeles, on February 1, 1969, for a few select leaders. The chairman of this meeting was Robert Bastille, described as a male, *APPROX 1944* Negro, of approximately 25 years, 5'9" 170 pounds, wearing a goatee and moustache. Bastille spoke about guerrilla warfare and outlined the advantages of guerrilla warfare in the United States and the necessary elements to insure success with its use in the "Black Revolution". He stressed knowledge and use of weapons and willingness to die for Black freedom.

A second speaker at this meeting was a male, Negro, of approximately 25 years of age. When this individual spoke he removed an eight millimeter Mauser rifle that had been concealed in the dust bag of a vacuum cleaner and passed this rifle and ammunition to the audience for examination. He spoke mainly on firearms stressing concealment and most easily attainable firearms.

Bastille again spoke mentioning the appearance and dress of BYA members, and that they should not try to look like the typical militants. He also mentioned the importance of obtaining a firearm without identification to themselves and suggested obtaining a firearm through an attack on an elderly guard. He concluded that the more powerful the gun the more damage each shot would do.

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APPENDIX

BLACK PANTHER PARTY
Also Known As
Black Panther Party for Self Defense

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, BPP Minister of Defense. NEWTON is presently serving a sentence of 2 to 15 years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther", which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service", states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, GEORGE MASON MURRAY, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement "...we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it".

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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APPENDIX

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam, and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United States International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us". At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anti-communist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes", the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of July 24, 1968, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/30/69

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-3101) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACK YOUTH ALLIANCE
RM
OO: Los Angeles

Re Los Angeles letter and letterhead memorandum (LHM) to the Bureau dated 2/19/69.

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New cases are being opened in the Los Angeles Division concerning ROBERT KELLEY and SAMMY DARWIN and new investigative matters will be opened on the four Orientals mentioned as soon as identified.

Investigation is continuing to obtain additional information concerning the background and meeting data concerning the BYA as well as current officers. Los Angeles law enforcement agencies are cognizant of information set forth in attached LHM.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 8) (RM)
5 - Los Angeles
(1 - 157-ROBERT KELLEY)
(1 - 157-SAMMY DARWIN, SPAIN)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

April 30, 1969

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BLACK YOUTH ALLIANCE (BYA)

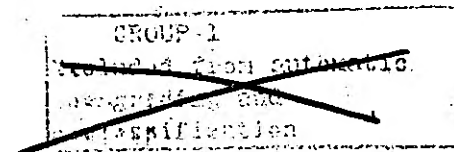
A source who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished the following information concerning the Black Youth Alliance (BYA).

The BYA is a militant, Black Nationalist, student based organization recruiting members from high school students in the Los Angeles area.

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In February 1969, a meeting of the BYA was held at 3831 Woodlawn Avenue, Los Angeles, California, where approximately 15 members were present. All were male Negroes in their late teens and early twenties and the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the use of weapons and explosives. The speaker at the meeting was a male Negro, age 28, 5'9", 160 pounds, black hair, brown eyes. He was riding a motorcycle bearing California license 542 896 registered to a 1966 Honda, which is registered to Robert Kelley, 1711 Fifth Avenue, Los Angeles. This speaker identified himself as an expert on weapons and explosives and stated that he was an ex-parachutist from the United States Army. He stated that when the revolutionary movement is made it should be made all at once with the primary target being the main powers of government and the police. He stated that the communications system of the police department should be destroyed. He pointed out that a Molotov cocktail would not accomplish this feat and that he would

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show the group how to use more powerful explosives in a future class. He demonstrated, using a blackboard, what causes a cartridge to fire and discussed the use and the firing of automatic weapons. In this discussion he stated the best way to use automatic guns in a city is to deploy diagonally around a structure so that your fellow revolutionaries would not be hurt by the fire of others or by ricocheting bullets. He pointed out that he has a girlfriend who works in the Communications Division of the Los Angeles Police Department and he is in a position to have her destroy the entire communications system as he has taught her the use of explosives. He also discussed plastic mines and stated that he will bring materials to show how mines can be made and used.

On February 15, 1969, at 11:00 am a Saturday meeting of the BYA was held at 3831 Woodlawn Avenue, Los Angeles. The lecturer of the meeting was the same as the individual described above and he began with a discussion of small arms, both automatic and revolvers. He thoroughly described the operation of both types of guns as well as the ammunition to be used. He explained that he did not bring his weapon and at that point a number of attendants removed revolvers that were concealed on their person and offered them to the lecturer to use for demonstration. Most of the weapons that were drawn appeared to be .38 caliber with two and four inch barrels. Most of these attendants were between ages of 17 and 19 years of age.

The head of the BYA introduced himself at this meeting and stated that his name was Robert, last name not given. He is a male Negro, about 20 years of age, 5'10", 170 pounds, black hair, and brown eyes. He also pointed out that he was a Coordinator of the Black Students Union (BSU) Program in the South Los Angeles area and after the meeting he passed out a booklet entitled "Two Speeches by Malcolm X". He pointed out that Black education is the goal of the BYA and stressed the importance of the group members educating themselves before they begin to educate other Black people. The first lecturer closed the meeting by stating that the art of self-defense would be taught at coming meetings.

The BSU is a militant, Black Nationalist, student based organization.

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A third meeting of the BYA was held at their above described headquarters on February 22, 1969. Robert ~~X~~ Kelley was the lecturer and it was learned that he was a student at California State College at Los Angeles. There were approximately 17 persons present at this meeting and the lecture was on automatic weapons and the class was given the opportunity to dismantle and assemble a German Luger. In addition, an eight millimeter bolt action rifle was dismantled and assembled for the class.

On March 1, 1969, a meeting was held at the headquarters of the BYA which was devoted to physical training during the first hour. During the second hour four Oriental males gave a demonstration on the art of hand to hand combat. They used knives, sticks, and simulated a gun in showing how a person could use his hands and feet to disarm another person. The Oriental instructors were riding together in a 1955 Chevrolet Station Wagon, license VVP 899, registered to Sammy Darwin Spain, 2943 Walton, Los Angeles. CSLIF.

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Los Angeles, California

April 30, 1969

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Title BLACK YOUTH ALLIANCE

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Reference Los Angeles letterhead memorandum
dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-11776)

DATE: 6/26/69

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-3101) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACK YOUTH ALLIANCE
RM
OO: Los Angeles

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Re Los Angeles letter and letterhead memorandum (LHM) to the Bureau, dated 4/30/69.

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Source utilized in the attached LHM is [REDACTED]

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New cases are being opened in the Los Angeles Division regarding CARL CALHOUN and DEBRA ANDERSON, new officers of the Black Youth Alliance (BYA).

Investigation is continuing at Los Angeles to determine additional information regarding BYA activities and it's leaders.

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- 4 - Los Angeles
 - (1 - 157-CARL CALHOUN)
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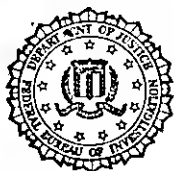
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Los Angeles, California
June 26, 1969

BLACK YOUTH ALLIANCE (BYA)
RACIAL MATTERS

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished the following information concerning the Black Youth Alliance (BYA):

The BYA is a militant, black nationalist, student-based organization recruiting members from high school students in the Los Angeles area.

Source advised on May 8, 1969, that the BYA held a meeting at 1374 East 20th Street, Los Angeles, California. At this meeting, it was decided by those present that this address would be the new permanent location for future BYA meetings. Meetings were scheduled to be held regularly each Sunday afternoon.

Source further advised that new officers were elected. Carl Calhoun, also known as Carly, was elected president of BYA, while Debra Anderson was elected the new secretary. *Caliz*

Source advised May 8, 1969, that on April 12 and 27, 1969, members of the BYA, approximately six in number, went to Solidad Canyon, north of Los Angeles, California, to practice shooting their rifles and guns. Practice shooting included shotguns, rifles, and revolvers. Source advised that no other details were known regarding this practice.

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Director, FBI (157-11776)

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In view of information set out in referenced communications, it is desired that you submit a current report on captioned organization. Handle in accordance with Section 122C of the Manual of Instructions and keep the Bureau currently advised of all significant activity of this black extremist group.

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NOTE:

The Black Youth Alliance (BYA) is a black nationalist student-based organization recruiting membership from high school students in the Los Angeles area. Earlier this year the BYA held a meeting in Los Angeles attended by approximately fifteen members. Weapons and explosives were discussed and one individual present stated primary targets are Government and police. This individual discussed the making of explosives and illustrated the mechanics of automatic weapons by using a blackboard. More recently, about six BYA members went to a canyon north of Los Angeles to practice with shotguns, rifles, and handguns. An active Antiriot Law investigation is being conducted on this organization and it is believed a current Racial Matters report should be submitted at this time.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE LOS ANGELES	OFFICE OF ORIGIN LOS ANGELES	DATE 9/8/69	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/28/69 - 9/3/69
TITLE OF CASE THE BLACK YOUTH ALLIANCE (BYA)		REPORT MADE BY THOMAS G. MANSFIELD	TYPED BY laf
		CHARACTER OF CASE RACIAL MATTERS	

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Los Angeles 7/10/69.

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A copy of this report is being furnished locally to Secret Service, Los Angeles and to military intelligence agencies.

The report is classified confidential to protect LA T-1 through LA T-5, informants of continuing value, the identity of which could adversely affect the internal security of the United States.

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BYA members interviewed in this report were interviewed in connection with the case captioned, "FLOYD BENTON, ET AL, ARL; Los Angeles File 176-115".

ROBERT CASTILE was interviewed on 8/18/69, by SAS JOSEPH A. HANION and ROBERT E. SAGE. [REDACTED] was interviewed on 8/19/69, by SAS RICHARD WALLACE HELD, and RAYMOND E. LINDSTROM. MARGARET WRIGHT was interviewed on 8/19/69, by SA ROBERT H. MORNEAU, JR.

BYA members mentioned in this report who have been investigated or who are under investigation are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Los Angeles File</u>
CARL CALHOUN	157-4110
DEBRA ANDERSON	157-4109
DWIGHT THOMAS	157-4079
ROBERT CASTILE	157-3588
ROBERT KELLEY	157-3860
SAMMY DARWIN SPAIN	157-3875
LARRY ANDRE WELTON	157-4239
ROBERT MAWELL	157-3900
FLOYD BENTON	157-2538
LAWRENCE GILLIAM	157-3696
JAMES VICTOR ALLEN	157-4201

The results of investigation regarding these individuals, when warranted, have been furnished to the Bureau. Inasmuch as the BYA is a high school organization, Los Angeles is conducting no active investigation regarding the BYA. Members names are indexed and in some cases these members are the subject of investigation.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will submit semi-annual report regarding the BYA.

(2) Will remain alert for any information indicating plans for violence on part of BYA in coming school year and advise Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.

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Copy to: 1 - Secret Service, Los Angeles (RM)
1 - Region II, 115th MIG, Pasadena (RM)
1 - OSI, Norton Air Force Base (RM)
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Report of: THOMAS G. MANSFIELD
Date: 9/8/69

Office: Los Angeles, California

Field Office File #: 157-3101

Bureau File #: 157-11776

Title: THE BLACK YOUTH ALLIANCE (BYA)

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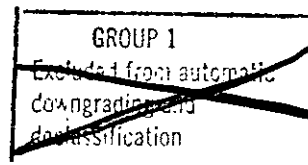
Synopsis: The Black Youth Alliance (BYA) of Los Angeles, ✓
was established the summer of 1968. The BYA is ✓
composed of members of Black Student Unions (BSU) ✓
in Los Angeles Junior and Senior high schools. ✓
The BYA's stated purpose is to discuss and resolve ✓
problems that the BSUs are facing. Meetings from ✓
February 1969 to May 1969 have involved discussions ✓
on black revolution, the use of weapons and ✓
explosives, and hand to hand combat. In March 1969 ✓
the BYA discussed stopping students from attending ✓
schools and conducted a patrol to shoot any members ✓
of the US Organization on sight. The BYA cooperates ✓
with the Black Panther Party (BPP), Black Student ✓
Alliance (BSA), and participated in BPP sponsored ✓
May Day Rally on 5/1/69, in Los Angeles. The Los ✓
Angeles Local-Socialist Workers Party has discussed ✓
a need for closer relations with the BYA. ✓

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DETAILS:

This case is predicated upon information received from LA T-1, who advised on September 30, 1968, that a group known as the Black Youth Alliance (BYA)

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had been established and was located at 3831 South Woodlawn Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

I. ORIGIN

LA T-1 (9/30/68)

The BYA was established in the summer of 1968 in Los Angeles, California, and is located at 3831 South Woodlawn Avenue, Los Angeles. The property at 3831 South Woodlawn Avenue is owned by MARGARET WRIGHT.

LA T-1 (1/7/69)

MARGARET FLORENCE WRIGHT has engaged in picketing, agitating, and demonstrating at Los Angeles schools, some of which has disrupted normal school activities. In March 1968, she was convicted of disturbing the peace and resisting arrest as a result of these school activities.

MARGARET FLORENCE WRIGHT was interviewed on August 19, 1969, by a Special Agent of the FBI at her residence 10041 La Salle, Los Angeles. She advised she is the owner of the property at 3831 South Woodlawn Avenue. She stated that she loans this home as a meeting place to all persons who are interested in the promotion of rights for black citizens. Among those groups to whom she has loaned this residence was the BYA.

[REDACTED] Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), advised a Special Agent of the FBI on July 14, 1969, that he worked as an undercover officer for the LAPD for approximately five months. During that time he was involved with and attended meetings of the BYA in Los Angeles. [REDACTED] stated BYA was formed approximately eighteen months ago by DWIGHT THOMAS and

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FLOYD BENTON. The organization was established because many of the high school leaders of the Black Student Union (BSU) and other groups were graduated from high school at a point when the BSU was gaining popularity. The graduating leaders felt that it was important to keep in touch with the BSU programs in the high schools and decided to form another organization of BSU leaders. This organization would be designed to set policy and control and assist the high school BSUs in their programs and activities. It was decided to call the organization the BYA.

The BSU is a student black nationalist organization.

II. PURPOSE

LA T-1 (9/30/68)

The BYA operates in a similar manner as the BSU and attempts to create tension at local high schools. The BYA will attempt to promote walk-outs on the local high school campuses the coming school year.

On August 19, 1969, [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI at Los Angeles. [redacted] admitted [redacted] and furnished a leaflet on the BYA. This leaflet states that the purpose of the BYA is to start developing lines of communication throughout the Los Angeles area between black high school students and to discuss and resolve major problems that the BSUs are now facing. The pamphlet further indicates that the BYA is dedicated to achieve effective education by means of sponsoring, promoting, and producing action as a collective body of youths to raise the level of black consciousness in black people.

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III. LOCALITY

LA T-1 (9/30/68)

The BYA is active in the Los Angeles area and is not part of a national organization. At that time the BYA was meeting at 3831 South Woodlawn Avenue, Los Angeles.

LA T-1 (5/8/69)

The BYA is meeting at 1374 East 20th Street, Los Angeles, at the residence of DWIGHT THOMAS and the BYA meeting on April 27, 1969, was held at this location.

LA T-1 (9/2/69)

Source advised the BYA was not known to be active during the summer of 1969, and it is not known if the BYA will become active for the fall 1969 school year.

IV. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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BYA is composed of members who are Negro, inasmuch as they are also affiliated with BSUs in the Los Angeles Junior and Senior high schools.

V. IDENTITY OF LEADERS

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LA T-1 (2/5/69)

A meeting of the BYA was held on February 1, 1969, at 3831 South Woodlawn Avenue, Los Angeles. The Chairman of this particular meeting was ROBERT CASTILE.

ROBERT OMPHRA CASTILE was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI at Venice, California, on August 18, 1969. CASTILE advised he is 39 years old and he is the Director of the Venice Community Improvement Union (VCIU), Venice, California. CASTILE indicated that the VCIU receives financial support from the local, state, and federal governments, including a \$183,000 grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity of the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

LA T-1 (3/26/69)

At a meeting of the BYA held on March 8, 1969, at 3831 South Woodlawn Avenue, Los Angeles, LARRY ANDRE WELTON acted as Chairman of the meeting. Source advised that WELTON resides at 781 Camelot Way, Los Angeles.

LA T-1 (3/26/69)

Source stated that as of the above date ROBERT FELIX MAXWELL was the head of the BYA.

LA T-1 (5/8/69)

Source advised that as of the above date CARL CALHOUN had been elected president of the BYA, while DEBRA ANDERSON had been elected the secretary of the BYA.

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VI. IDENTITY AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS

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(7/14/69)
(2/5/69)
(5/13/69)

There has never been a formal list of members of the BYA, however, the following persons were considered to be active members in the BYA at one time:

LAWRENCE GILLIAM

JAMES VICTOR ALLEN

✓ DWIGHT THOMAS

✓ FLOYD BENTON

✓ ROBERT FELIX MAXWELL

✓ FLOZELL STANLEY

DEBRA ANDERSON

PATRICIA GAY

✓ SAMMY DARWIN SPAIN

JOHN HENRY SIMS

ROBERT SAMUEL STARKS

✓ LARRY ANDRE WELTON

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LA T-1 (2/5/69)
 (5/13/69)

At BYA meetings on the dates indicated
the following number of members were present:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
February 8, 1969	15
February 22, 1969	17
March 1, 1969	19
March 8, 1969	35
April 27, 1969	21
May 4, 1969	18

VII. TERRORIST REVOLUTIONARY
AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES

LA T-1 (2/5/69)

A meeting of the BYA was held on February 1, 1969, at 3831 South Woodlawn Avenue, Los Angeles. The meeting was attended by eleven individuals. The chairman of the meeting, ROBERT CASTILE, talked about the effectiveness of guerilla warfare and its tactics. CASTILE advised there are three necessary elements to insure success for the black revolution:

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- (1) Total involvement of the Negro Community.
- (2) Knowledge of the use of weapons their breakdown and concealment.
- (3) A willingness to die for black freedom.

The next speaker was an unknown male Negro, who while speaking removed a rifle from the dust bag portion of a vacuum cleaner. This person demonstrated how the rifle was broken down and he stressed the importance of knowing how to disassemble the gun for easier transportation.

CASTILE then continued speaking and stated that he preferred a .357 magnum revolver as it was a powerful gun and would do more damage with fewer shots.

LA T-1 (3/3/69)

On February 8, 1969, the BYA met at 3813 South Woodlawn Avenue, where there were 15 members present at the meeting. The speaker, ROBERT KELLEY, identified himself as an expert on weapons and explosives and indicated that he was an ex-parachutist in the United States Army. KELLEY stated that when the revolutionary move is made it should be made all at once with the main powers of government and the police as primary targets. KELLEY, during his lecture remarked that the best way to use automatic guns in city fighting is to deploy diagonally around a structure so that fellow revolutionaries would not be in a direct fire or would be injured by ricocheting bullets.

LA T-1 (3/3/69)

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The BYA held a meeting on February 15, 1969, at 3831 South Woodlawn. The lecturer at the meeting, whose identity was not known by source, gave a discussion on the use of small arms, automatics, and revolvers. He thoroughly described the operation as well as the type of ammunition that should be used.

LA T-1 (3/3/69)

A meeting of the BYA was held on February 22, 1969, at 3831 South Woodlawn Avenue, where 17 members were present. The lecturer was ROBERT KELLEY, who remarked that he was more interested in teaching classes on the American System of Exploitation and Degradation than he was in teaching the use of weapons. KELLEY stated that the American System of government was the real oppressor of the people. At the conclusion of the lecture, KELLEY demonstrated using, dismantling, and assembling weapons.

LA T-1 (3/8/69)

On March 1, 1969, 19 members attended the BYA meeting held at 3831 South Woodlawn Avenue. The first part of the meeting was devoted to physical training and during the second half of the meeting there were four Oriental men who gave a demonstration on the art of hand to hand combat. DWIGHT THOMAS displayed to the members a .38 caliber revolver and a 16 gauge shotgun. THOMAS stated he owned the weapons and was trying to learn to use them proficiently.

LA T-1 (3/26/69)

On March 8, 1969, 35 persons attended a BYA meeting at 3831 South Woodlawn Avenue. The

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Chairman of the meeting was LARRY ANDRE WELTON, who resides at 781 Camelot Way, Los Angeles. WELTON told the audience that they must stop all students from attending school and those in attendance agreed that March 10, 1969, was the time to stage an offensive against the Los Angeles schools. Representatives from Dorsey and Crenshaw High School stated that they expected problems in keeping students from these two schools. WELTON informed them that the US Organization (see appendix) had agreed to assist the BYA with those two schools. The audience was instructed that if they encountered trouble in keeping students away from school they were to contact the BYA at 3831 South Woodlawn where members would be dispatched to assist in agitation and dispersal. If the BYA was called to assist at any school several plans of action were discussed. One plan was to construct a bomb and plant it in a school and after the bomb exploded make a series of bomb-threat telephone calls to other schools. Another scheme was to light fires in rubbish containers around the school. Another plan was to have BYA members bring flammables, such as glue, so that the flammable items could be ignited, held next to a sprinkler head, causing the sprinkler head to flood the school.

This meeting was then adjourned and the members went to South Park in Los Angeles for a rally, and BYA members were given leaflets. At the rally the local school situation was discussed.

BYA members worked on March 10, 1969, printing signs and leaflets to be used during the boycott. The equipment that was used had been stolen in a burglary at Jefferson High School and this equipment was to be later sold for money to be used for bail money for BYA members if they were arrested during the boycott.

Captain C. R. CROSS; LAPD advised that on March 7, 1969, there was a disturbance at Carver Junior

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High School in Los Angeles, and as a result arrests were made by the LAPD. Subsequently the disorder spread throughout South Central Los Angeles Schools and the disorder lasted until March 14, 1969.

LA T-1 (3/26/69)

On March 14, 1969, a meeting of several black nationalist organizations, including the BYA, was held at the Victory Baptist Church, Los Angeles. Source stated that a member of the US Organization was refused admission to the meeting and he shot a Black Panther Party (BPP)(see appendix) member as a result of his being refused admittance to the meeting. Subsequently on March 14, 1969, the BYA met with representatives of the Black Student Alliance (BSA) at 10500 South Broadway, Los Angeles.

The BSA is a coordinating organization for college BSUs in the Los Angeles area. The group adheres to Marxist-Leninist principles as interpreted by MAO TSE TUNG.

The meeting was called to discuss methods of revenge against the US Organization for the shooting. Several members of the BYA patrolled West Slauson and the 8th Avenue area in Los Angeles searching for members of the US Organization. The purpose of the search was to shoot any US member on sight, but the BYA members were not successful on their mission.

LA T-1 (5/8/69)

On April 12, 1969, and April 27, 1969, members of the BYA and BSA travelled to Soledad Canyon to practice firing their weapons. Shotguns, .38 caliber revolvers, and a .30 caliber carbine were observed by the source at these practices. On April 27, 1969, the group also held

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a meeting at the home of DWIGHT THOMAS, 1374 East 20th Street, Los Angeles. A member from the BSU at California State College, Los Angeles, spoke on the need for black unity.

LA T-1 (5/13/69)

On May 4, 1969, 18 members attended a BYA meeting at the residence of DWIGHT THOMAS at 1374 East 20th Street, Los Angeles. The meeting was devoted to formulating plans for a proposed school walk-out on May 19, 1969. The BYA members felt that they could obtain support in a walk-out but lacked a program that might interest the students after they had departed the schools.

LA T-1 (9/2/69)

Source advised the BYA is not known to have been active during the summer of 1969. It is not known if the BYA will become active for the fall 1969 school year.

VIII. PUBLICATIONS

[redacted] when interviewed on August 19, 1969, by Special Agents of the FBI in Los Angeles, furnished a copy of a one page leaflet published by the BYA captioned, "Black is Back". The leaflet is dated September 17, 1968.

The leaflet states that it is "dedicated to the freedom and education of black you." The leaflet states that it will deal with "conditions as they exist in our schools and how we as students can eliminate them." The leaflet welcomes students to attend BYA meetings.

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IX. CONNECTIONS WITH OTHER
BLACK NATIONALIST GROUPS

LA T-1 (3/26/69)

At a meeting of the BYA held March 8, 1969, at 3831 South Woodlawn, the group discussed stopping students from attending Los Angeles schools on March 10, 1969. Representatives of Dorsey High School and Crenshaw High School indicated that they expected problems in keeping the students from attending those two schools. LARRY ANDRE WELTON, Chairman of this BYA meeting stated that the US Organization had agreed to assist the BYA at those two schools because the US Organization had more influence than did the BYA.

LA T-1 (3/26/69)

Source indicated that ROBERT FELIX MAXWELL, as of the above date, was head of the BYA.

LA T-1 (5/7/69)

ROBERT FELIX MAXWELL is a member of the BPP in Los Angeles.

LA T-1 (3/26/69)

The afternoon of March 14, 1969, members of the BYA and the BSA met at 10500 South Broadway, Los Angeles, to discuss revenge against the US Organization for the shooting of a BPP member.

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LA T-1 (5/8/69)

Source advised that on March 12, 1969, and March 27, 1969, members of the BSA and BYA practiced firing their weapons at Soledad Canyon, California.

LA T-2 (4/24/69)

A special meeting was held on April 22, 1969, at the BPP Office, 4115 South Central Avenue. Several groups, including the BYA, attended this meeting, which was held to make preparations for the May Day Rally, sponsored by the BPP, to be held on May 1, 1969, in Los Angeles.

LA T-1 (6/4/69)

On May 1, 1969, a rally sponsored by the BPP was held at the Federal Building, 300 North Los Angeles Street, to press for the release of HUEY NEWTON from prison. Source indicated HUEY NEWTON is the BPP Minister of Defense, who is presently serving a prison sentence. Various groups were present in this rally, including members of the BYA.

LA T-3 (5/9/69)

A Negro male on May 9, 1969, requested draft counseling information from a BPP member at the BPP Office, 4115 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles. The youth was advised to contact the BYA for draft counseling information.

X. FINANCES

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LA T-1 (9/2/69)

The BYA is not known to maintain any checking or bank account or to collect dues. Originally the meetings were held in a residence owned by MARGARET WRIGHT at 3831 South Woodlawn Avenue in Los Angeles; and the BYA paid no rent at this address. Thereafter in May 1969, the BYA held its meetings at a member's home, wherein no rent would have to be paid.

XI. INFLUENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTY OR
OTHER REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS

A. Domestic

LA T-4 (2/10/69)

The Young Socialist Alliance (YSA)(see appendix) held a meeting on January 31, 1969, at 1702 East 4th Street, Los Angeles, where the topic of discussion was, "What Black Students are Demanding". At this function the BYA was mentioned as an organization which has banded together various high school BSU chapters in Los Angeles.

LA T-3 (4/22/69)

MICHAEL LASKY of the United Front Group of Los Angeles advised a BPP member at the BPP Office, 4115 South Central Avenue, on April 22, 1969, that he had lined up the BYA to participate in the May Day Rally on May 1, 1969.

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LA T-4 (4/18/69)

MICHAEL LASKY was the General Secretary of the Communist Party, USA, Marxist-Leninist (see appendix) and as such, its leader from its founding until his expulsion from that organization. —

LA T-5 (5/12/69)

A meeting of the Los Angeles Local-Socialist Workers Party (LAL-SWP)(see appendix) was held on April 29, 1969, at 1702 East 4th Street, Los Angeles. An LAL-SWP member indicated that the group should maintain closer relations with the leaders of the BYA-BSU as well as the BPP.

B. Foreign

None.

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MARXIST-LENINIST (CPUSA, M-L)

On August 24, 1965, a source advised that the West Coast Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party (WCPOC) was formed in Los Angeles, California, on August 23, 1965, under the leadership of MIKE LASKY. Although similar in name, the newly organized WCPOC had no connection whatsoever with the Provisional Organizing Committee for a Marxist-Leninist Communist Party (POC) or the latter's West Coast POC.

On September 7, 1965, the above source advised that a National Conference of the newly formed WCPCC was held over the September 4-5, 1965, weekend in Los Angeles. At that meeting, the name WCPCC was dropped, and the CPUSA, M-L was formed under LASKY's leadership. The CPUSA, M-L has the following aims and purposes:

1. To conduct guerrilla warfare training, including the use of firearms;
2. To organize CPUSA, M-L cells in the South to exploit all "racial situations" that might arise there, to agitate the population, and create situations which would require the use of Federal Troops so that Americans would be fighting Americans;
3. To establish and maintain an accelerated recruiting program to include acceptance of anyone who is an anti-imperialist.

On May 22, 1968, a second source advised that the CPUSA, M-L continued to exist.

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APPENDIXLOS ANGELES LOCAL - SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY (LAL-SWP)

On May 10, 1968, a confidential source advised that the LAL-SWP has been in existence since the 1930's and continues to exist. The source further advised that the LAL-SWP is a local branch of the National SWP with aims and purposes identical to those of the National SWP.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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"US"

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"US", Incorporated

"US" was chartered by the State of California as a non-profit corporation in September, 1966 with offices at 8211 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California. The corporate charter alleges that "US" is primarily an Afro-American cultural organization.

During the spring of 1968, however, a source advised that MAULANA RON KARENGA, true name Ronie McKinley Everett. Founder-Chairman of "US", has published a booklet entitled, The Quotable Karenga, in which he talks of revolution, black power and condemns Christianity for the plight of the black man.

In this booklet, KARENGA stated: "...You must have a cultural revolution before the violent revolution. The cultural revolution gives identity, purpose and direction. ...The revolution being fought now is a revolution to win the minds of our people. If we fail to win this we cannot wage the violent one. ...When the word is given we'll see how tough you are. When it's 'burn', let's see how much you burn. When it's 'kill', let's see how much you kill. When it's 'blow up', let's see how much you blow up. And when it's 'take that white girl's head too', we'll really see how tough you are. ..."

The above source advised that "US" members are required to study and memorize this booklet. "US" members are also assigned Swahili names which they use in lieu of their given names.

A second source advised that KARENGA has spoken at various meetings in Los Angeles, at which time he has talked of creating an "US" army of 1,000 men, obtaining weapons and ammunition, guerrilla warfare tactics and revolution. KARENGA has also stated, "The only way to get life is to take a life and as we get stronger we will take what we want from the white man's United States". He also stated that if the police killed any "US" members, the "US" organization would kill some of them.

The first source above advised that KARENGA has also stated that recent race riots throughout the country were not riots but were actually revolts or revolutions and that the black people are going to win their freedom by violence if necessary.

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A third source advised that KARENGA has stated that a revolution will take place in the near future and that no one can believe in black revolution without believing in armed conflict because the two go hand in hand.

The first source above advised that the "US" organization has approximately 20 militant, hard-core members, a number of whom during the past year have been arrested for possession of incendiary devices, attempted arson, armed robbery and burglary. "US" members are known to carry firearms. There are an estimated additional 200 individuals, ranging in age from 4 to 40, who are known to attend meetings and social activities sponsored by "US" and which are closed to anyone not of the Negro race.

Recently, the "US" organization opened an affiliate office in San Diego, California.

The word "US" refers to the personal pronoun and is not an abbreviation.

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YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

The May, 1960 issue of the "Young Socialist" (YS), Page 1, Column 3, disclosed that during April 15-17, 1960, a national organization entitled "The Young Socialist Alliance" (YSA) was established at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.. This issue stated that this organization was formed by the nationwide supporter clubs of the publication YS.

The above issue, Page 6, set forth the Founding Declaration of the YSA. This declaration stated that the YSA recognizes the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) as the only existing political leadership on class struggle principles of revolutionary socialism.

On May 10, 1967, a source advised that the YSA was formed during 1957, by youth of various left socialist tendencies, particularly members and followers of the SWP. The source further advised that the YSA has recently become more open about admitting that it is the youth group of the SWP and that an SWP representative has publicly stated that the YSA is the SWP's youth group.

The National Headquarters of the YSA are located in Rooms 532-536, 41 Union Square West, New York City.

On October 31, 1967, a second source advised that at the 22nd National Convention of the SWP held in New York City from October 26, 1967, to October 29, 1967, it was stated that the YSA remained as the main recruiting ground for new SWP members.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A characterization of "Young Socialist" is set out separately.

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Reference Los Angeles report of SA THOMAS
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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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OO: Los Angeles

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Re report of SA THOMAS G. MANSFIELD at Los Angeles, dated 9/8/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) regarding the Black Youth Alliance (BYA). The LHM is being furnished to Secret Service, Los Angeles, and the local military intelligence agencies.

Sources used in this LHM are as follows:

✓ Source One

✓ Source Two

✓ Source Three

Source Four

Source Five

Source Six

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The attached LHM is being classified confidential to protect the above sources. The identification of these sources could adversely affect the internal security of the United States.

The attached LHM sets forth information that the BYA is a defunct organization. Inasmuch as the BYA is inactive, no further investigation is being conducted. However, Los Angeles will remain alert for information indicating activity on the part of the BYA.

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Calif. Source Two advised that ~~Joan Kelley~~, Black Panther Party (BPP) (See Appendix) member, mentioned to BPP Deputy Minister of Information, Elaine Brown, in November 1969, that the BYA had gone underground and was using another name.

Source One advised in January 1970, that the BYA is defunct and is not existing under another name or as an underground organization.

Source Three was contacted in January 1970, and Sources Four, Five, and Six were contacted in February 1970. These sources are familiar with black student organizations in the Los Angeles area, and these sources provided no information that the BYA is an active organization.

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